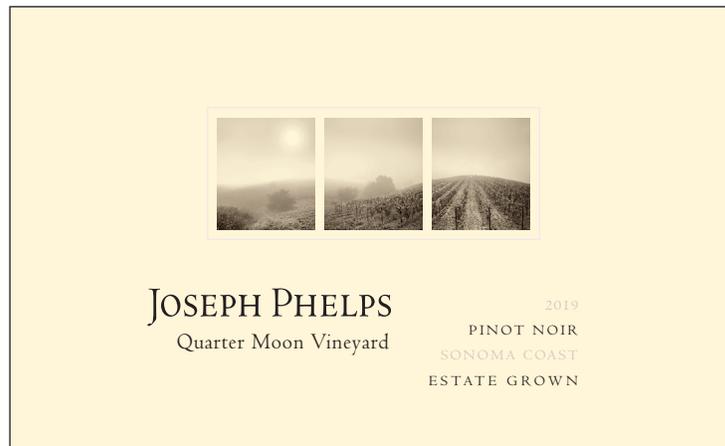


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Joseph Phelps Pinot Noir, Quarter Moon Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 2019

Winemaking Data

Blend: 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir from our Quarter Moon Vineyard.

Aging: 14 months in 52% new and 48% one- to three-year-old French oak barrels.

Winemaking Notes: A single-vineyard bottling showcasing select areas within our Quarter Moon Vineyard planted to Calera, Clone 459, and Clone 777. Clusters were hand-sorted in order to separate the best for a 37% whole cluster fermentation, adding spice, texture and structure to the powerful tannins

The 2019 vintage opens with fragrant violet and dried rose petals, tangerine peel, and earthy spice notes. Full-bodied with layered acid and tannin structure, the palate unfolds with intense black cherry, raspberry, and tangy cranberry. The finish is long and satisfying with rich dark fruit, baking spices and savory herbs.

Growing Season: In 2019, bud break occurred around the same time as 2018 but was delayed compared to our historical averages due to cold, saturated soils from the wet winter, particularly in February. Cool weather continued throughout spring with an unusual amount of rainfall which delayed bloom in some areas. Canopy management was key in 2019 due to vigorous growth and moderate temperatures. July was cooler than average, but August and September warmed to push ripening ahead. In 2019, the quality of Pinot Noir from our Sonoma Coast estate was excellent with well-developed flavors, naturally fresh acidity and superb balance.

Review: 96 Points, "Aromas of crushed raspberries with iron and pine-cone undertones. Full-bodied and full of character. The aromas come through clearly as flavors on the palate. It goes on for minutes."-James Suckling, Jan. 2022